

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 GRADUATING CLASS OF THE DODIE LONDON EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE SERIES

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the graduating class of the 2017 Dodie London Excellence in Public Service Series. Brandy Wells, Cindy Casaus, Debbie Vandenboom, Farhana Ahmed, Jeni White, Kristen Desmangles, Lauren Pemberton, Lisa Godzich, Dr. Shadow Asgari, Simone Hall, ViciLee Jacobs, and Yvonne Cahill have all distinguished themselves as impactful leaders in our community.

HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE JUNE 14, 2017 SHOOTING AT EUGENE SIMPSON PARK

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the City of Alexandria's First Responders on the scene of the shooting at Eugene Simpson Memorial Park in my district in Alexandria, Virginia.

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017 around 7:00 a.m., an individual at Eugene Simpson Stadium Park in Alexandria, Virginia fired shots at Members of Congress who were practicing for the annual Congressional Baseball Game. The shooting wounded United States Representative Steve Scalise, Capitol Police Officers David Bailey and Crystal Griner, Congressional staffer Zack Barth, and former Congressional staffer Matt Mika.

The timely response of Alexandria's First Responders most certainly saved lives. Alexandria Police Officers Nicole Battaglia, Alexander Jensen and Kevin Jobe arrived within minutes of the 911 call. Officer Battaglia came under fire upon arriving at the scene and immediately engaged the shooter. In the opinion of Alexandria Police Chief Mike Brown, Officer Battaglia's actions diverted the shooter's attention, allowing the other responding officers to neutralize the shooter. Medical care provided at the scene by members of the Alexandria Fire Department, including paramedics Fiona Apple and Richard Krimmer, ensured this senseless act of violence did not become a casualty event.

I am honored to commend these valiant individuals for their selfless service; I thank them not only for their impact on the victims of this senseless act of violence, but for their daily positive impact in my district.

PASSING OF WALKER A. WILLIAMS

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life and memory of Walker Alexander Williams. Born in East Orange, New Jersey in 1940, Walker lifted his eyes well beyond our shores and developed an international reputation as a businessman and an advocate for the African and Caribbean diaspora communities. His passion for economic empowerment led him to create Alternative Marketing Access, Leadership Global (formerly Leadership Africa USA) and NiQuan Energy as platforms for development. Walker leaves behind a legacy of uplifting others and promoting the advancement of under-represented groups, especially those of African and African American descent.

Walker also recognized the importance of training people to fill leadership roles and developing talent to serve in African political and economic contexts. He had a vision for developing countries in which their diverse communities and nations overall could reach their full potential. His distinguished career included testifying in Congress on "The Future of Energy in Africa" where he urged this body to support and encourage partnerships to improve Africa's access to energy. He also provided vital leadership around the initial passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), arranging several Congressional briefings for African Ambassadors, key members of Congress, and Administration officials on AGOA and its potential effect on infrastructure, energy, agriculture, health, nutrition, and security.

During his long career as a businessman, advocate, and philanthropist, Walker remained committed to mentoring and empowering young people and professionals, and he always aimed to make those who worked with him feel valued. He worked with more than 100 non-governmental organizations over thirty-plus years, and he facilitated scholarship and educational opportunities in Africa and the Caribbean through the Education Africa Presidential and Premier Education Awards, Nelson Mandela Presidential Medallions, and the Walter Sisulu Scholarship and Training Fund. He encouraged Africans and Americans alike to envision and achieve personal power and a more prosperous future. Walker believed that a better Africa and Caribbean meant a better United States of America.

Walker is remembered by his partner, children, and grandchildren as a humble and dedicated man. I would like to celebrate a life of service while I offer condolences to those he has left behind.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER DARYL DELABBIO

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a longtime public servant, Daryl Delabbio, on the occasion of his retirement.

Daryl has served as Kent County Administrator/Controller since 1998. Prior to his time with Kent County, he spent 11 years as Rockford city manager. In all, Daryl has dedicated four decades to the people of Kent County and the greater Grand Rapids area.

As Administrator/Controller, Daryl oversaw Kent County's daily activities, acted as its chief financial officer and headed project management. Under his leadership, Kent County maintained a balanced budget and saw the development of Millennium Park and the DeVos Place Convention Center. Most importantly, he has led the county in a non-partisan, fair, and fiscally responsible manner.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the career of Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio for his service to Kent County.

WELCOME PRESIDENT MOON JAE-IN

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that we welcome President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea to our nation's Capital on his first official overseas visit. The United States shares a special relationship with the Republic of Korea forged during the Korean War and solidified by the greater global struggle for freedom in the 20th century. The U.S.-Korea alliance is the cornerstone of U.S. leadership in the Asia-Pacific region. It is a special alliance built upon the sacrifice of brave individuals who stood strong against the adversaries of liberty and freedom.

Mr. Speaker, as the co-chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I am proud to welcome President Moon Jae-in today. Our alliance will surely be tested, but our faith and determination will never falter or waiver. I thank him for his commitment to our common values, and I look forward to the work we will do together to strengthen the alliance even more in the future.

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